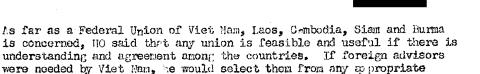
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8. In a description of Viet Nam relations with China, HO said that their respective peoples have enjoyed friendly relations for thousands of years. Whether they were KMT or Communist was a Chinese internal question and Viet Nam has no right to interfere. If Viet Nam and the other countries of Southeast Asia attend to their own affairs, they won't have to worry about any foreign influence.

country, including France.

- In answer to questions concerning his retirement and future Viet Nam unity, HO said that his successor would be chosen by the Viet Namese people, and not by himself. He added that Viet Minh is capable of maintaining its unity.
- 10. Viet Wam would welcome representatives of the American press and impartial observers, according to NO, but they must be able to adapt themselves to the exigencies of guerrilla life.
- 11. When asked whether Viet Nam, in the event that it gained independence, would seek help from the United States or other nations, 80 did not answer. Mowever, he posed a question of his own: "American Democracy has defended the right of people to govern themselves and has recognized the independence of the Philippines. Why, then, has she furnished arms (tanks, cannons, etc.) to fight us we who have fought on the side of the Americans against the Japanese we who are doing just what the Americans did under the leadership of the great and noble Washington?"

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